(d) The capacity increase for operations of foreign airlines to and from India is considered on the basis of reciprocity, keeping in view the traffic requirements.

Phasing out of old aircrafts by IA

4906. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines have chalked out some programme to phase out old aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with background;

(c) whether large number of old aircrafts are to be replaced in phases;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount involved in this activity;

(e) whether such replacement would incur any additional burden on air-passengers;

(f) whether Government propose to ask Air India to undertake similar activity; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) With a view to providing a Policy framework for retirement of old aircrafts and induction of new aircraft into the fleet of Indian Airlines, Government have approved an indicative fleet renewal plan of Indian Airlines, which envisages phasing out of more than 20 years old aircraft as a first step. Aircraft between the age of 16 to 19 years are to be phased out during 1995—2000 and those between 14 to 16 years beyond 2000 Amount involved in fleet renewal would be known at the time of firming of investment proposal.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) In the case of Air India, Government have approved roll over plan, whereby Air India will phase out its aircraft after 10 years of age subject to availability of suitable aircraft and necessary resources.

Tourist traffic in Rajasthan

4907. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether government are aware that tourist-traffic to Rajasthan has increased manifold but air services presently available there connect only three cities vis. Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur, which are far too short of requirements;

(b) whether it is a fact that National Airports Authority (NAA) has agreed to extend the Jaipur runway; construct a new terminal building and to create facilities for landing of airbus in 3 phases in respect of Jaipur Airport and also taken possession of 60 acres of land therefor;

(c) if so, whether NAA propose to extend airstrip of Jaipur upto 7500 feet under the first phase during 1994-95, alongwith details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Central Government also propose to extend the air network in Rajasthan to Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Kota-keeping in view the heavy tourist-traffic during the tourist season of Rajasthan in 1995-96 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) As per available information tourist traffic in Rajasthan has increased from approx. 41.52 lakhs in 1990 to 58.10 lakhs in 1992.

(b) and (c) National Airports Authority proposes to take up the work of extension of the runway at Jaipur airport to 7500 feet during the current year to make it suitable for operation of Airbus A-320 aircraft. 60 acres of land has been acquired for this purpose. There is no proposal for construction of a new terminal building. However, the existing terminal building is proposed to be extended.

(d) Indian Airlines have no plans, at present, to introduce services to these stations due to operational consttraints.